

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
October 9, 2007

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on October 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Gary Norwood.

Council present: Steve Allen, Dwayne Noe, Rick Johnson, Carol Macha, and Chris LaCrosse.

Council absent: Tommy Nicholson.

Others Present: Mary Glasgow, Lisa R. Cantrell, Daryl R. Carroll, Michele Ingram-Jones, Michael Armstrong, Zach McCarver, Chris Cherry, Marie J. Puckett, Paul Gupton, Matt Anderson, Bryan Biggs, Kellie Reed, Tony Young, Myrla Sproat, Alva Herbert, Shawn Rider, Wade A. Reed, Tom Salter, Brandi Nichols, and Rodney Wilson.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by Noe to approve minutes as typed. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

Ms. Kellie Reed of 3127 Bearwallow Road, Deputy Court Clerk, for the city approached the Council with a request for them to review current policy and procedure relating to sick leave and bereavement leave. Ms. Reed stated currently for sick leave an employee can take time to care for parents, spouse, or children. She asked that siblings be added to that policy. Ms. Reed said for bereavement leave employees are allowed 3 days for spouse, parents, or children and 1 day for siblings. She requested that the policy be changed to 3 days for siblings. Mayor asked if Council had any questions. Mr. Johnson asked who was in charge of making these changes. Mayor said it was the Council and they would need to check the policy and procedure manual. He asked that Ms. Schaeffer pull a copy of the policy and bring to next month's workshop.

Darryl Carroll, 513 Skyview Drive, approached the Council to publicly thank the city and the Ashland City Fire Department for assisting him when he fell in a cistern in his yard.

Tom Salter stated there were two members of Leadership Cheatham County present at tonight's meeting. He introduced Alva Herbert and Shawn Rider.

Michele Ingram-Jones, 1520 Lockertsville Road, county, volunteer, reminded the Council that the Friends of the Trail bike ride will be October 20th. She said breakfast would start at 7:30 a.m. and at 9:00 a. m. they would send the bikes out. Ms. Ingram-Jones asked the Council to please come. Mayor asked how many bikes were expected and Ms. Ingram-Jones answered 250. Mayor wanted to know how many levels and Ms. Ingram-Jones said 3. Mr. Johnson asked if it would be a good breakfast and where was it to be. Ms. Ingram-Jones said it would be at Riverbluff Park pavilion. Mr. Young stated that there would be a massage therapist, Mr. Chad Berry, there giving out 5 minute massages to the bikers.

Reports: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

R.A.C. Update.

Ms. Sproat said she knew bids were due on the 24th and didn't know if they would need a special called meeting or make a decision in November. Mayor said the decision would be made in November. Ms. Sproat said they would then know what to do to schedule for the ribbon cutting celebration.

Mr. LaCrosse asked if the contract for streetscape Phase II reflects Phase I and Phase II funding into one contract not two separate contracts and all of it in one amount. He was told that is correct. A motion was made by Macha, seconded by Johnson to accept the contract for streetscape Phase II. The motion passed with a roll call vote of: Macha-yes, Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Noe-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Macha, seconded by LaCrosse to approve Ordinance #338 – Yard Sales on 1st reading. The motion passed with a roll call vote of: Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Noe-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor addressed the Council regarding the John Duke Water Tank removal. He said the water tank is a safety hazard and needs to be removed. Mr. Cherry said he could take bids for removal of the water tank. Mayor asked Mr. Armstrong if there were any scrappers interested in removing the tank for the scrap metal. Mr. Armstrong said equipment is a problem and so is the location. He said you would need someone with a crane. Mayor again stated the removal should be put out to bid. Mr. Noe suggested maybe put it out that anyone could take it out for free. Mr. Cherry said it is a matter of liability and insurance. Mr. Johnson said scrappers carry insurance. Mr. Cherry said he could get a proposal from two large scrappers. Mayor asked Mr. Cherry to put the tank removal out to bid.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Macha to surplus the Fire Department's Crown Vic. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Mayor stated that the Fire Department had requested this vehicle be donated to the Pleasant View Fire Department. A motion was made by Noe, seconded by Macha to donate the Crown Vic to the Pleasant View Fire Department. Mr. Johnson asked why we do this. Mr. Biggs said it is done out of good will and that the Pleasant View Fire Department had asked that they be remembered when this car was surplused. Mayor stated the city needs a pool vehicle but this one has too many miles and its transmission is going. He said he would recommend going to the budget committee next year to use Chief Coulon's car as a pool vehicle. The motion passed with a roll call vote of: Noe-yes, Macha-yes, Allen-yes, Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Cherry updated the Council on the Water CAD and ISO Map proposal. He said it would assist with ISO ratings. Mr. Cherry stated that he had the money in his budget and that Chief Walker has agreed to let him use their fire hydrant maintenance money to help in the cost, as it will benefit the fire department as well. Mr. Cherry said the cost is \$7500.00. A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Johnson to accept the ISO Map proposal. The motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Noe-yes, Allen-yes, Macha-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Macha to accept the final change order in the amount of \$56,382.45-negative. The motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Noe-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Cherry updated the Council on the walk through at the water plant last Friday. He said there were a lot of small issues that needed to be addressed such as the tile floor, air conditioning, and curbing. Mr. Wilson said there is an issue with the curbing quality and he is speaking to the sub contractor about it. He said on the tile floor they are to meet with the sub contractor regarding quality control. Mr. Wilson said that the sub contractor got in the way of the mechanical contractor for the air conditioning causing a problem with the ducted return. Mayor asked a time frame for all the items on the punch list to be completed. Mr. Wilson said the bulk of it could be done in a week. He said until completed they are holding the retainage. Mr. Johnson asked is the retainage \$60,000.00. Mr. Wilson said they need to settle on what the actual numbers are and agree to a completion date.

A motion was made by LaCrosse, seconded by Macha to pay W & O Construction pay request #22 in the amount of \$91,478.94 and pay request #23 in the amount of \$162,842.02. Mr. Johnson said that Mr. Cherry didn't sign off on the invoices. Mr. Cherry responded that the copies they had were handed out before he signed them and that they were now signed. Mr. LaCrosse asked if these invoices were to be paid out of the new \$348,000.00 grant funding. Mr. Cherry said yes.

The motion passed with a roll call vote of: LaCrosse-yes, Macha-yes, Johnson-yes, Allen-yes, Noe-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Macha to pay Higher's and Koonce pay requests in the amounts of \$956.00 and \$496.00. Mr. Johnson asked if these invoices are pass throughs. Mr. LaCrosse asked what the invoice for Ashland Place was for. Mr. Armstrong said it was for engineering services for property on Highway 12. Mayor said it was on the property Mr. Rankin wanted rezoned on which to build apartments. The motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Noe-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Other:

Mr. Young approached the Council asking if the Friends of John's Park and Dixie Youth Baseball could proceed with applying for grants. He provided the Council with several handouts regarding municipal improvement plans. Mr. Young said he thought baseball was to be there tonight and his handouts represented what the city used in 2001 for municipal parks which were split between Riverbluff Park and John's Park. Ms. Ingram-Jones said she didn't think baseball needed to be here tonight. Mayor asked if the Council had had the opportunity to go through the handouts. Mr. LaCrosse said he was encouraged by the participation of Friends of John's Park and Dixie Youth by providing us with a list of what they plan to do and if they think they can swing it themselves he doesn't have a problem with them doing it themselves. Ms. Ingram-Jones said they are very determined. After much more discussion, Mayor asked them to go through the park board and for them to make a recommendation to Council. He stated he would like to see a complete plan detailing what the Council needs to budget. Mr. Young said that was why he had brought the capital improvement plan and the city could approve a plan for 5-6 years. Mr. LaCrosse said right now a simple plan for this park was needed. Mr. Johnson said they would like a budget, fund source, and more detail. Mayor said to have John's Park broken out-what they plan to do and what the city needs to do. Mr. Allen said he thought they had a plan down as far as money and wanted a blessing from Council. He said he had no objection except maybe 2 years down the road they may have to make a change. Mr. Young said he recommended planning years down the road. Mayor said he had no objection to giving a blessing but wanted them to get a long term plan for Johns Park-what the money is to be spent on. Mr. LaCrosse said to get a list then council can plan per the list-co-ordinate carefully and get an exact time line. Mr. Allen said with money they have now the Council shouldn't stop them from doing what they want now. After more discussion regarding the park, Ms. Ingram-Jones asked if the Council would give their blessing tonight as they are on hold and they would

get a plan together for the next meeting. She said they need to start grant writing. A motion was made by Noe, seconded by LaCrosse for Friends of Johns Park and Dixie Youth Baseball to apply for grants. Mr. LaCrosse said someone should be responsible for sequencing. Mayor said that should be Mr. Young. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Mayor stated Council gave their blessing for them to do this and he would be glad to meet with the park board, Friends of Johns Park and Dixie Youth to get a better plan. Ms. Ingram-Jones said she would carry this to both entities and have a time line before next workshop.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Noe to pay the bills. The motion passed with a roll call vote of; Johnson-yes, Noe-yes, Macha-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Binkley with the Chamber of Commerce advised the Council of Inventors Day in Pleasant View this weekend where they were featuring a lawnmower that runs on water. He, also, reminded them 10-17-07 is the grand opening of Peebles at 8:00 a.m. and the Mayor will speak at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Binkley said the Chamber is planning Christmas on the Cumberland. Mr. Young asked if they were going to have the Christmas parade. Mr. Binkley said yes but they didn't have a theme yet.

Mr. Cherry said he was asked by the Council to report water loss. He told them it was 12.4% water loss with 85 gallons per minute.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Gary Norwood, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder